

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

In re: Cognate Cases:

HON. ROBERT J. JONKER

Case Name	Case No.
Steven J. Verburg, Nancy A. Williams v. Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.; Midland Funding LLC; Midland Credit Management, Inc.; Encore Capital Group, Inc.; and LVNV Funding, LLC	1:13cv1328
Denise Martin v. TenHouten Ringstrom, PLLC, et al.	1:13cv1329
Daniel Pryor v. Law Offices of Timothy E. Baxter & Associates, P.C.; Midland Funding LLC; Midland Credit Management, Inc. Encore Capital Group, Inc.	1:13cv1330
Michael Christian v. Law Offices of Michael R. Stillman, P.C.	1:13cv1331
Bruce Grant v. Shermeta, Adams & Von Allmen, P.C.	1:13cv1332
John P. Hunter v. Stenger & Stenger PC Midwest Recovery Group LLC	1:13cv1336
John P. Hunter and Brian Hudson v. Mary Jane Elliott, PC Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; LVNX Funding, LLC	1:13cv1338

Joan Frances Kloosterman v. Law Office of Barbara Tsaturova PLLC	1:13cv1340
David Nota and Mary Beth Nota v. Muller, Muller, Richmond, Harms & Myers, P.C. LHR Inc.	1:13cv1344
Andrea Stevens v. Schisler Law, PLC Scott A. Schisler Rustin Allen Schisler	1:14cv10
Ethel Walker v. Leikin, Ingber & Winters, PC; George A. Leikin Paul M. Ingber Susan L. Winters LVNV Funding, LLC	1:14cv18
Kathryn Campbell v. Berndt & Associates, PC Karol A. Berndt Robert E. Zielinski LVNV Funding, LLC	1:14cv34
Maureen Van Hoven v. Buckles & Buckles, PLC Geraldine C. Buckles Michael H. R. Buckles	1:14cv60
Mary Yarbrough v. Gray & Gray, PC, et al	1:14cv234
Mary Yarbrough v. Bader, Unifund CCR, et al.	1:14cv277
Peter Anda, et al. v. Roosen, Varchetti Y Olivier, PLLC, et al.	1:14cv295

Patricia Brown v. Reed White and Associates, LLC; et al	1:14cv1328
Andrew Kacoas v. United Collection Bureau	1:14cv1283

ORDER

This is a set of cognate FDCPA cases. The CMO currently governing all cases calls for a dispositive motion cut off of February 28, 2015, and a follow up status conference on March 20, 2015. The Court earlier deferred consideration of pending class certification motions until after dispositive motion practice.

The Court has received a motion in four of the cases (Case Nos. 13-cv-1331; 13-cv-1332; 13-cv-1344; 14-cv-10) seeking a 60-day extension of the dispositive motion cut-off to permit ongoing settlement negotiations in those cases. In addition, there have been reported settlements in two other cases (Case Nos. 13-cv-1336; 14-cv-277); and a voluntary dismissal in one case (Case No. 13-cv-1337). If the extension is granted in only the four cases, and not the remaining cases that have not been dismissed or settled, the potential benefit of parallel scheduling in all cognate cases will be lost, or at least diluted. There may be good reasons for that, given the way the individual cases have developed. But before granting any extensions in a subset of cases, the Court invites comment from any of the parties in the cognate cases. Any such comment must be filed not later than Wednesday, **February 25, 2015.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 23, 2015

/s/ Robert J. Jonker
ROBERT J. JONKER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE